

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2011 A.D.  
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



**As We Gather** Can you imagine what it would be like to walk with and talk with Jesus---yet not know it was really Him? Every day we have the opportunity to do just that---to walk with Jesus and listen to Him speak to us through Scripture. And every day we have the opportunity to speak with Him in prayer. Today's readings are a reminder of just how close we are to Jesus in Word, Sacrament, and prayer.

### THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

### THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR RISEN LORD

#### **\*DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING FOUR\***

**THE OPENING HYMN** *"Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474*  
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

**THE SINGING OF OUR 2-8 GRADE YOUTH** 11:00  
*"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" ...Rick Founds*  
**Congregation join youth second time through**

*Lord, I lift Your Name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.*

*From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high!*

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*“Soul’s Celebration”...Terry K. Dittmer   **Congregation join youth on last refrain***

*Refrain:           God is my strength, he is my salvation.  
                      God’s strong right hand has done mighty things.  
                      God is so great, my soul’s celebration.  
                      God gives me words and makes my heart sing.  
                      La la la la la la, La la la la la la la.*

*Evil surrounds me all my days; enemies threaten my life.  
God knows my needs and well provides victory conquering strife. Refrain.*

*Thanks to the Lord for he is good; his light shines brightly on me.  
This is the day the Lord has made. Be Glad! Rejoice thankfully! Refrain.*

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*“Shine Like Stars”...Terry K. Dittmer   **Congregation join youth on all refrains***

***Women & Girls –First phrase – Jesus is the reason we sing!  
Men & Boys – Second Phrase – Jesus is our Savior and King.  
All – on the rest of the refrain.***

*Jesus is the Lord of all. Alleluia!  
Jesus is the morning star. Alleluia!  
By his death in life we are. Alleluia!*

*Refrain:   Jesus is the reason we sing! Jesus is our Savior and King.  
              And Ev’ry knee will bow down and ev’ry tongue will confess  
              that Jesus Christ is the Lord and in his name we are blessed.  
              And as we hold out his word to all the world near and far we will shine.  
              We will shine. We will shine like stars.*

*Jesus died upon the cross, Alleluia!  
From his grave our Lord arose. Alleluia!  
In his love, he draws us close. Alleluia! Refrain.*

*All God’s people celebrate! Alleluia!  
Let his praise reverberate! Alleluia!  
God is awesome! God is great! Alleluia! Refrain.*

*Through the water and the Word. Alleluia!*  
*By God's mercy, now restored. Alleluia!*  
*We are children of the Lord. Alleluia! Refrain.*  
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### THE INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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In the name of the Father and of the **T**son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### THE BAPTISM OF BRIANNA JEAN NORMAN 11:00 Page 268

Dearest Jesus, Brianna take, Shepherd take thy lamb and feed her,  
Prince of Peace make here Thy throne, Way of life, to heaven lead her.  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever, From Thy side this branch forever!

Lord, into Thy heart we pour, Prayers that from our hearts proceeded;  
Our petitions heavenward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!  
Write this name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

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If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*

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Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*[Luke 18:13]*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T**on and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

## C Amen.

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” LSB 946



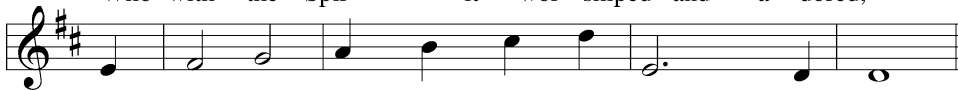
1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29,36; Rev.5:9-14; Eph. 1:20-21*

**THE SALUTATION** *(Spoken)*  
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2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

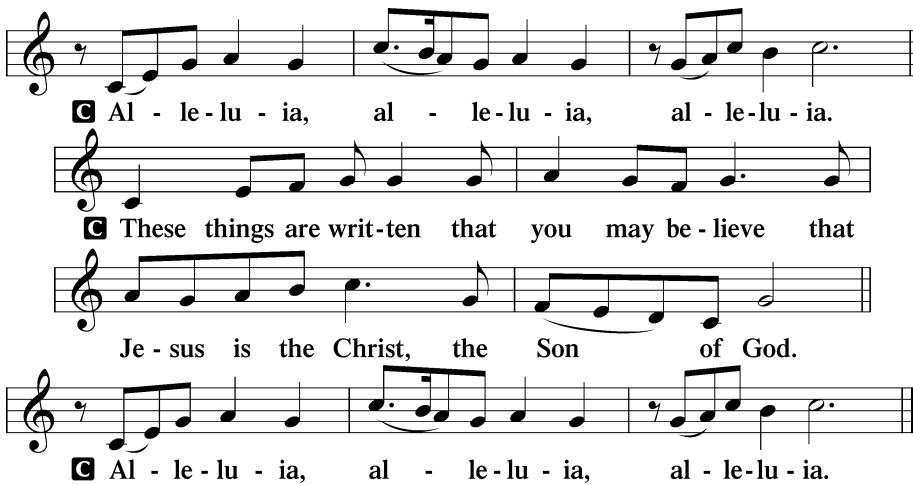
**THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE FIRST READING** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *(Peter explains the requirements for salvation.)*

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC** 8:20 "Easter Carol"...Arlen Clark  
Women's Vocal Ensemble

**THE EPISTLE** 1 Peter 1:17-25 *(Peter outlines the Good News of salvation.)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:13-35 *(Jesus explains how He is the way of salvation, having fulfilled the promises of Moses and the Prophets.)*

**THE SERMON HYMN** "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" LSB 476 (Tune 648)

**THE SERMON** "...And Their Eyes Were Opened..."

St. Luke 24:31  
Pastor Brad Urbach

**THE CREED** 8:20 *The Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00 *The Apostles' As part of the Baptism*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER**

**THE OFFERING** *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

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**THE OFFERTORY** *"Glorify Thy Name"*

*Father, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee. Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For those within Christendom whom You have selected to lead Your Church, that they may be blessed with Your guidance and direction through Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

For those whose lives have been turned upside down by calamity and tragedy, that You would bring the resources of Christian people to their aid. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**

**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders around the world whom You have placed in positions of authority, that they may see You---and not themselves---as the source of wisdom for their decision-making. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

For those whom we know to be lacking faith in Jesus, that the Holy Spirit may use us in some way to turn their hearts to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

For those who are struggling with issues related to aging, that You would comfort their fears and alleviate them of their concerns. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

For those times when we are tempted to stray from Your Word and turn to the world's answers, forgive us for our lack of faith and show us Your powerful influence in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles...Lord, in Your mercy:

**C**  
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**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 8:20 service continues on page 9 with The Benedicamus and the Benediction

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**  
**11:00**

**THE PREFACE**

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It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising you and saying:

**THE SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

*John 20:19*

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The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637*

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685*

*“Rise, Shine, You People” LSB 825*

**NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon**

*Luke 2:29-32*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser- vant De-  
 2 All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, All  
 part in heav'n- ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo- ry to the Son, All glo- ry to the  
 glo- ry Of Your re- deem- ing grace:  
 Spir- it, For- ev- er Three- in- One;  
 A light to lead the Gen- tiles Un-  
 For as in the be- gin- ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**THE BENEDICAMUS**

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Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**THE BENEDICTION** (*With Sung Amens*)

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The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**A** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**THE CLOSING HYMN** “*The Day of Resurrection*” *LSB 478*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Third Sunday of Easter!**

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

**Before Early Service**

Joel & Jessica Filler  
 Loren & Sue Schaefer

**After Early Service**

Bill & Liz Markley  
 John & Carlene Barber



**Before Late Service**

Brent & Sheri Adney  
 Randy & Jodi Hartmann

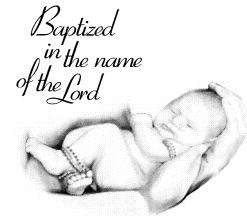
**After Late Service**

Jeff & Caitlin Logan  
 Kay Nelson

**Preaching** this morning is our Pastor, Reverend Brad Urbach who will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our morning services.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

**Holy Baptism** This morning by God's extraordinary Word and with ordinary water, Brianna Jean Norman becomes a daughter of God. Brianna is the second born daughter of Seth & Christina Norman and joins older sister Aubrie. Her sponsors are Morgan Deis and Taryn Lessert. May God richly bless Brianna and keep Brianna and her family in His eternal care.



**Our Morning Fellowship** This morning our Board of Stewardship is hosting a Bagel & Jelly Thank You in the CFLC. This will be followed with a Voters Assembly at 9:45.

**Adult Bible Study** Adults please review May's schedule:

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|--------|---|
| May 8  | Voters Assembly   |
| May 15 | Hong Kong Presentation  |
| May 22 | Reception for our High School Seniors<br>Last Day of Sunday School before summer. |
| May 29 | The last lesson of "Christianity and the Competition," "A Christian Response."    |

**Sunday School** meets this morning at 9:45 and is for all our children age 3 by September 1, 2010 through High School. Our High School youth meet in the Great Room. May 22 is the last day of Sunday School.

**Nursery** There is nursery this morning during our 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

**Voter's Assembly** We will have a Voter's Assembly today at 9:45, the two primary items of business will be:

- The Election of Officers and,
- Hopefully, a recommendation from the Elders for the calling of an Associate Pastor.

**God Be With You!**

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**Our Broadcasts** Our Sunrise Broadcast is sponsored by Harlan & Verna Fransen , Julian & Alberta Olson and Jeri Erbe & Carol Harrmann.

The Fransens do so in thanksgiving to God for the May birthdays of grandchildren Lauryn who turned 9 years on May 6 and Garrett who will turn 11 years on May 26. Thanks Harlan & Verna, we wish Lauryn & Garrett blessed birthdays.

The Olsons do so in honor of Mina Mary Olson's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 11. Mina Mary is a member of our Trinity – Blunt congregation. Thanks Alberta & Julian and Mina Mary we wish you a blessed 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Jeri Erbe & Carol Harrmann sponsor both our Sunrise and Cable Broadcast in thanksgiving to God for the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of their parents, Jerry & Lois Erbe, which was April 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Jeri & Carol, we wish your parents many more years together in God's love.

***Did you know that "Sunrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to [www.TodaysKCCR.com](http://www.TodaysKCCR.com).***

***The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex.*** Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

**May 1, Att. 592;** General Fund \$10,848.72; Building Fund \$1,534.33 (Building \$289.33, Elevator \$610.00, Debt Retirement \$635.00); Sunday School \$17.30; Maundy Thurs. \$20.00; Good Friday \$27.00; Love Fund \$50.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2,776.00 (General \$2,371.00; Building Fund \$405.00); Broadcasts \$125.00; Bible Study \$57.00; Confirmation \$1,240.33; Utecht Ministries \$200.00; Dakotamart \$600.00 (50/50 Preschool/Daycare).

#### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: May 8**

8:20 am Worship

9:20 am Bagel & Jelly Thank You

9:45 am Voters Assembly

11:00 am Communion, 2-8 grades sing

7:00 pm Board of Stewardship

**Mon: May 9**

1:30 pm Ladies Study "God is in the Laundry Room"

7:30 pm LWML

**Tues: May 10**

8:25 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am Circuit Conference in Presho

6:30 pm Choir

7:30 pm Berea Circle

7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

**Wed: May 11**

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm "Acts" in the Preschool Room

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: May 12**

7:00 am Men's "Joshua" Study at church

8:25 am Staff Devotions

1:30-3:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

6:00 pm Faith Circle Potluck

**Fri: May 13**

12:00 noon Preschool Picnic

**Sat: May 14**

Lutheran Lay Institute Classes at Faith

**Sun: May 15**

8:20 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm Acolyte training

5:00 pm LYF/Elders Pizza

7:00 pm Board of Early Education

7:00 pm Hong Kong Informational Meeting

9:45 am Sunday School

9:45 am Hong Kong

Presentation



## **Building News**

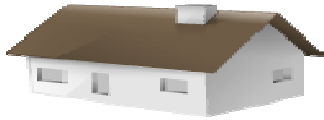
Thank you for your continued gifts of \$1,939.33 to our Building Fund. The gifts were designated to our three accounts:

The Building Account; \$694.33

The Elevator Account; \$610.00

The Debt Retirement Account; \$635.00

- The Board of Trustees have authorized the carpeting of the St. Mark room at a cost of \$2,796.41. The carpet is now ordered and will be installed shortly.
- The footing for the new flag pole will soon be poured in the Grace Plaza. The flag- pole will be dedicated the Day of Pentecost, June 12.
- Our Board of Stewardship has developed a strategy for installing an elevator this Fall. Details are in the Stewardship mailing you are receiving in early May with your statement of giving for the first third of 2011. Please let the office know if there are any corrections needed in your statements.



**Our House for Haiti** What wonderful generosity! In addition to the original \$11,333.87 sent in the first week in Lent, we have sent last week the additional gifts that we have received which comes to \$880.00. Our total gifts were \$12,213.87.

We still await a reply from our first gift asking how the additional monies will be used.

**Confirmation Parents** There is a DVD of the Confirmation Service. If you would like to pick it up and make a copy please contact the church office.

**Huxford Fundraiser** There will be a fundraiser to assist Caleb & Logan Huxford's battle with cystic fibrosis. Money raised will be used for the on-going medical expenses that the family has acquired, as well as funding research to find a cure and improve medical treatment for CF.

Where: Pizza Ranch

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Matching funds by Thrivent for Lutherans

**Lisa (Adams) Hiller Cancer Benefit** Lisa has been diagnosed with lung and pancreatic cancer. To help defray traveling & treatment costs we are having a raffle for the following:

Prize #1 Benelli M2 26" Camo Barrell 12 Gauge shotgun

Prize #2 32" LCD Vizio HDTV

Call Sandy @ 224-1773 or Karen @ 224-2734 for tickets.

There will be a benefit @ Pizza Ranch on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 pm. The drawing for the raffle tickets will be held at the Pizza Ranch. Winners need not be present to win. Thank you. The Adams & Hiller families.

**Forever Young**

Place: Faith Lutheran Church CFLC

Day: Third Tuesday, May 17

Time: 12:00 noon

Food: Bring a salad to share. Our May Forever Young will be a salad luncheon. My, aren't we healthy!



## **LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS**

**LYF Meetings** We will meet all the Wednesdays of May.

- One more time, a huge thanks to the youth and parents of the LYF for:
  - \* the Lenten coffees
  - \* the Good Friday Potato Dinner
  - \* the Easter Breakfast
- We need to plan for our Seniors to get their hand print in the Great Room.
- Looks like a summer trip July 11-14! Details soon.
- The kids hauled aluminum cans on Good Friday, thanks everyone for supporting the LYF.
- Next Sunday, May 15 – LYF/Elder Pizza Event at 5:00 Sunday, May 15. The Board of Elders is providing a pizza dinner for all our LYF youth to say thanks for Acolyting. At 4:00 the Elders will train our newly confirmed to be Acolytes, they then ask them to join the other LYF kids for pizza at 5:00.

**JYM** There is no JYM planned for May, but June brings JYM aged kids three big opportunities:



- Crazy Horse – Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, June 4. We will be leaving the church at 4:00 Friday. Bring a sack lunch for your dinner. That evening the group will attend the lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore and stay in a local church. Saturday morning its off to the Volks March at

Crazy Horse and walk out on the “arm” of this massive rock sculpture. Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday, then head home, back by late afternoon. Paul & Toni

Kenefick-Aschoff will head up this event and take the church vans. The cost of \$20.00 covers it all! A sign-up sheet is now on the Narthex Information table.

- VBS – Sunday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16. Please consider being a helper with VBS.
- Camp Minneboji – Sunday, June 19 through Saturday, June 25. Registration forms are now at the church.

**VBS** This year our VBS “Big Jungle Adventure” dates are Sunday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Registration forms are on the information table in the Narthex. You will also find a sign-up sheet to provide meals for the Captive Free group who will be helping with VBS. There is a teacher sign-up posted on the wall of the Narthex also. Please consider helping.



**Camp Minneboji** Dates for this year are June 19-25. The theme is “Angels: God’s Messengers.” Registration books are in the office. We will need parents to coordinate transportation. The church vans are accessible for this.

**Main Street Living** may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls and at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Viewers, area churches, and memorial gifts provide the support for Main Street Living. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired. The program may be viewed on the web at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). E-mail [vicrames@sio.midco.net](mailto:vicrames@sio.midco.net).

**May 8, 2011** – Kid’s Crossing uses drama to depict the ascension of Christ

The featured speaker is Rev. Greg Hinners from Concordia Lutheran Church in Cresbard, SD and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wecota, SD. The sermon theme is “This Jesus Whom You Crucified.” The hymns are A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing; With High Delight Let Us Unite; and Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer. The Main Street Living Choir will provide the hymns. The program is interpreted for the hearing impaired.

**Life Quote** “The Bible tells you that God in love designed your very existence. Psalm 139 says, ‘For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made’ (NIV). You can be sure, wherever you go and whatever happens to you, that your Creator loves you dearly.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time of Grace”* – A **“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life** – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



# \$2,400,000



In July of 2007 the first \$100,000 marker sign appeared with the grape vine and a grape cluster for each \$100,000 that came into the Building Fund.

Now nearly four years later, we have a victorious moment as the grape cluster and sign marking the \$2,400,000 goal goes up.

Yes, with continued congregational gifts, interest, and Estate gifts we have indeed reached the \$2,400,000 mark.

Today our last marker and grape cluster will go up. No doubt in the weeks ahead the signs and grape clusters will come down but this has been a helpful visual of terrific congregational sacrifice.

### *Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice*

We will continue to encourage gifts toward this project as we seek to –

- finish the second floor as gifts enable us to do so. The two immediate projects are:
  - \* Carpeting the St. Mark Room,
  - \* then as gifts provide, do the duct work in the Sts. Paul/Luke/John rooms.

- Put the Elevator in. This is required to finish the second floor. The city has been gracious with us to finish a couple of wonderfully usable rooms upstairs. In keeping with our understanding with the City, we need to honor our end of the understanding by putting the elevator in.
  - \* The Board of Stewardship has established a time line and strategy for this.
  - \* We are now looking at two proposals, upon which our Board of Trustees will decide.
- Continue to do advanced payments, saving a remarkable amount of interest.
  - \* Our South Dakota District Church Extension Fund, as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, is reducing our loan interest from 5.75% to 5.50%.

This is a terrific day; join us for Bagels & Jelly!

